മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി: ഈ ബോണസ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രത്യേകം വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There have been several instances where some sort of consideration has been granted for satisfactory work.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It is not tender reduction, but bonus. These are all the same things.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Was there any tender reduction? Was the work given on an estimate rate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was given on the basis of a quotation received from a firm.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Was any estimate prepared for it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. We only called for quotations.

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Trichur-South):* From how many?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* From Mr. P. V. Kurup, National Furniture Co., Ernakulam and the Furniture Co., Kallai.

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Trichur-South):* Any notification regarding tenders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. We only called for quotations.

BRIDGE OVER SHANMUKHAM CANAL—NECESSITY OF

83. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average depth of the "Shanmukham Canal" at the present stage;

(*b*) is there any bridge or any such arrangement for the people to cross that canal at present;

(*c*) has it been brought to the kind notice of our Government the inconvenience and danger of life caused thereby;

(*d*) has it been brought to the notice of the Government that there were instances of two deaths recently at Shanmukham Canal;

(*e*) have the Government investigated about the causes of these deaths;

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(*f*) have the Government understood that farmers on one side of the canal cannot take men and cattle to their fields on the other side of the canal;

(*g*) will the Government consider the question of providing some safe temporary bridge immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The depth of the finished canal varies between about 4 ft. and 32 ft. The depth of the canal in several places now is over 20 ft.

(*b*) There are 4 temporary foot-bridges and a cross bund temporarily put up for this purpose.

(*c*) No answer in view of the answer to (*b*).

(*d*) There were two deaths.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) There is no difficulty to take men and cattle from one side to the other side of the canal since there are 4 foot-bridges and a temporary bund for this purpose.

(*g*) Since there are sufficient number of foot-bridges there is no necessity to put up any more.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether these foot-bridges are in such a condition that men and cattle cannot conveniently cross over them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* They are temporary foot-bridges. I have crossed many times over them. I do not find them very inconvenient. They are quite safe.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the cause for the two deaths?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was reported that they were due to accidental slipping and falling into the canal, mainly due to the infirmity of the persons.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Were they drowned in the water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. They slipped and fell down into the canal and died.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is there any protection on any side of the bridges?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Did they die as soon as they fell down?

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Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the hon'ble member make some enquiries in the light of this question and see whether some more amenities can be provided?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Any investigation made as to the cause of these deaths?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes, it was reported that the deaths were due to pure accidents. It was not due to improper construction of the bridge.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the cause in the death certificates?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* They slipped and fell down.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Whether it was not brought to the notice of the department that these deaths were caused by slipping from the bridges and not from the approaches to the bridges?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Does the Police Commissioner know the full details of the case?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* One is a boy. He slipped and fell down and died. Similarly the other man also died. Both were due to accidents.

RAILWAY ROAD, ERNAKULAM—EXTENSION OF

84. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the serious inconvenience that would be caused to the people residing at the Railway Road and the Railway Station Road and the staff and workmen of Messrs. Tata Oil Mills, Ltd., Messrs. Burmah Shell, etc., if the Railway Road is not extended to the east up to the Ernakulam (North) Railway Station?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have sanctioned the opening of a road from Edapilly road to the North station and this is enough for all practical purposes.

PERSONS WHO DIED UNDER POLICE CUSTODY—1114

85. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many persons died when they were under Police custody during the year 1114 in the State;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made regarding the cause of their death;

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